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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6220

BILL NUMBER: SB 17

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 11, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hendricks Superior Courts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		94,394	187,903
Net Increase (Decrease)		(94,394)	(187,903)

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It establishes two additional superior courts in Hendricks County on January 1, 2007.
- B. It allows the judges of the existing Hendricks superior courts to jointly appoint one full-time magistrate to serve the courts until January 1, 2007. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Courts. Hendricks County is ranked fourth by severity of need in the 2003 Weighted Caseload Statistical Report.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under this bill, the judges in Hendricks County could appoint a magistrate to serve the current courts from July 1, 2005, until January 1, 2007. On January 1, 2007, two new courts would be established and the authority of the courts to appoint a magistrate would expire.

If no changes occur in salaries, fringes, and other benefits, the following costs are expected for each fiscal year.

<u>Judicial Officer</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
One Magistrate	\$94,394	\$47,197		
Two Courts		<u>\$140,706</u>	<u>\$281,412</u>	<u>\$281,412</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$94,394</u>	<u>\$187,903</u>	<u>\$281,412</u>	<u>\$281,412</u>

The following tables show the projected costs for the magistrate position in FY 2006 and 2007 and the new courts.

<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Magistrate</u>
Salary	\$90,000	\$72,000
Life Insurance	\$324	\$259
Social Security	\$6,885	\$5,508
PERF		\$5,040
Judges Retirement Fund	\$31,500	
Disability Insurance	\$2,052	\$1,642
Costs for Judicial Center	\$1,000	\$1,000
Deferred Compensation State Match and Leave Conversion	\$654	\$654
Health, Dental, and Vision (blended rate)	<u>\$8,291</u>	<u>\$8,291</u>
Total Cost Per Magistrate	<u>\$140,706</u>	<u>\$94,394</u>

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Hendricks County would incur additional costs for new court space, support staff, and office equipment.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Supreme Court – Indiana Judicial Center and Office of State Court Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Hendricks County.

Information Sources: Office of State Court Administration, State Budget Agency.

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